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COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

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SUPPLY OF WLL EQUIPMENT
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are about 7000 villages which are yet to be connected with telephone lines n Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether the Union Government propose to supply the Wireless n Local Loop (WLL) equipment to the A.P. Telecom Circle; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) 6,059 villages in Andhra Pradesh are yet to be provided with telephone facility. All these villages are to be provided with telecom facility by Private Basic Service Operator.

(b) & (c): 13,000 lines of WLL systems have been allotted to Andhra Pradesh to provide telephone connections and replace faulty Multi-Access Radio Relay(MARR) based Village Public Telephones (VPTs) in the rural areas.The equipment is likely to be supplied by end of December, 2001.